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LETTER DATED 12 APRIL 1999 FROM THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

As you know, the United Nations has established, at the request of the Security Council, a political presence in Burundi in order to support the initiatives aimed at promoting peace and reconciliation between the parties to the conflict in that country.

Since it was set up, the United Nations Office in Burundi has played an active and constructive role in giving its support to the parties engaged in the peace process, both in the building of an internal political partnership and in the Arusha talks.

The current peace process has reached a critical stage, rendering it even more urgent that the United Nations Office in Burundi should continue to follow closely the situation in the country at the political and the security levels. For that reason, I have decided to upgrade the level of the United Nations Office in Burundi by appointing Mr. Cheikh Tidiane Sy, the current head of the Office, as the Representative of the Secretary-General in Burundi.

I should be grateful if you would call the attention of the members of the Security Council to the appointment of Mr. Sy.

(Signed) Kofi A. ANNAN

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